

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 535

By Lamar

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Michael Working for his exemplary service as the 2020-2021 president of the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we recognize a gifted attorney who represents his clients with acumen and fidelity and has contributed significantly to criminal defense law as a whole through his service with several professional organizations; and

WHEREAS, Michael Working of Memphis has astutely served as the 2020-2021 president of the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (TACDL), providing sound leadership and guidance and earning the respect and admiration of his peers; and

WHEREAS, a recipient of the Workhorse Award and a regular presenter at TACDL functions, Mr. Working is a distinguished member of TACDL, rendering sterling service as a member of the TACDL Board of Directors and playing an active role in the Racial Justice and Equality, Publications, and Death Penalty committees; and

WHEREAS, a prominent member of the legal profession, Michael Working founded the Working Law Firm in Memphis in 2006 and since that time has vigorously handled the defense for thousands of the criminally accused; and

WHEREAS, Michael Working is a member of the Memphis Bar Association and has served as a special judge with municipal courts and the General Sessions Court of Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Working received his Bachelor of Science degree in Justice and Policy Studies from Guilford College and earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected attorney, he is a frequent contributor to *For the Defense* magazine and was named Memphis Lawyer of the Month by the Memphis Roundtable in May 2013; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Memphis Blues Society and The Blues Foundation, Mr. Working is grateful for the love and support he shares with his wife and their two sons; and

WHEREAS, Michael Working has distinguished himself as an attorney of the greatest ability and integrity and a valuable asset to his colleagues in criminal defense law; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Michael Working for his exemplary service as the 2020-2021 president of the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, salute his ongoing commitment to justice under the law, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.